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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action mailed June 9, 2009.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper, and include both
an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing drawing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15
of this paper.